



BY THE KING. A PROCLAMATION

For a Publick General **FAST** throughout the Realm of *Scotland*.



CHARLES, by the Grace of **GOD**, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all and sundry Our good Subjects, Greeting: Forasmuch as we are necessitated, for Our just defence, and vindication of Our Own and Our Subjects Rights, to continue the war against the United Provinces, as likewise against the French King and King of Denmark, who are now joyned with them in their unjust quarrel; And for carrying on of the same, (after several Expeditions and Engagements of Our Naval Forces heretofore, which it hath pleased Almighty **GOD** to bless with great success and victory) of new again to make ready Our Royal Fleet, for encounter Our enemies, and maintaining Our just Rights, and securing the Trade and Commerce

of Our Subjects: And we, having so great and eminent experience of the assistance of Almighty **GOD**, whose protection and favour, after keeping a solemn day of Fast and Humiliation, we have hitherto implored. And upon this great occasion finding, that the renewing of the same may move Almighty **GOD**, in His infinite mercy, to continue His favour and protection, and to bless Our Naval Forces at this time with success and victory. Our Will is heretofore, and we straitly command and charge, that the said Fast be religiously and solemnly kept throughout this Our whole Kingdom, by all Our Subjects and People within the same, upon the second Wednesday of July next, being the eleventh day thereof; and the third Wednesday of the same Month, being the eighteenth, in manner respective following, viz. By all those upon the south side of the north water of Esk, upon the said eleventh day; and these upon the north side thereof, upon the said eighteenth day: Requiring hereby the Reverend Archbishops and Bishops, to give notice hereof to the Ministers in their respective Dioceses, That upon the Lords dayes respective, immediately preceeding the said eleventh and eighteenth dayes of July, That they cause read this Our Proclamation, from the Pulpit, in every Paroch Church; and that they exhort all Our loving Subjects to a sober and devout performance of the said Fast and Humiliation, as they tender the favour of Almighty **GOD**, the duty they owe to Us, and the peace and preservation of their Country: Certifying all those who shall contemn or neglect such a religious and necessary work, they shall be proceeded against, and punished as contemners of Our Authority, and persons disaffected to the honour and safety of their Country. Given at Edinburgh, the twenty eight day of June, and of Our Reign the eighteenth year, one thousand six hundred and sixty six.

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